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In re Application of: KUROKAWA, et al. Application No. 10/765,098 Filed: January 28, 2004

For: STORAGE SYSTEM WITH A DATA SORT

FUNCTION

DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL (ACCELERATED EXAMINATION) UNDER M.P.E.P. §708.02 (VIII)

This is a response to the renewed petition filed 11 May 2005, under 37 C.F.R. §1.102(d) and M.P.E.P. §708.02 (VIII): Accelerated Examination, to make the above-identified application special.

The renewed petition was filed in response to a dismissal of the original petition filed 26 January 2005. The petition was dismissed for failure to provide a detailed discussion of the references, which discussion points out with the particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c), how the claimed subject matter is patentable over the references.

Applicants' submission filed 11 May 2005 corrects the deficiency noted in the original decision. The combined submissions meet all the criteria set out above. Accordingly, the petition is **GRANTED**.

The application file is being forwarded to the Examiner of Record for accelerated examination according to the procedures set forth in MPEP § 708.02, Section VIII.

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